



PASTOR BOB  
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**“IN the MIDST of PAIN, GOD has a PLAN!”**

MARK 11:15-18, 27-33

- **The Story of Joseph** GENESIS 50:20

*In the midst of \_\_\_\_\_, God has a \_\_\_\_\_!*

Story #1 - JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ the JEWISH LEADERS MARK 11:15-18

- *Temple Tax Extortion*
- *Animal Sacrifice Extortion*
- *Personal Profit to the High Priest*

Story #2 - JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ the JEWISH LEADERS MARK 11:27-33

- **Passion Week’s Plan** MARK 10:33, 34
- **The First Persecution** ACTS 8:1
- **Personal Trials** JAMES 1:2-4; ROMANS 8:28, 29

*We humans want the certainty of making it through \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
God wants us to enjoy the certainty of \_\_\_\_\_ life.*

*We humans want to experience the joy of our \_\_\_\_\_.  
God wants us to experience the joy of His \_\_\_\_\_.*

- **Today’s World** REVELATION 13:16, 17  
*Christians do not engage in the foolish worship of the emperors, they do better: they pray for them. And Christians can afford to be put to torture and to death, and the more they are cast down the more they grow; "the blood of the martyrs is seed" ~Tertullian, 3<sup>rd</sup> Century, A.D.*

- **Your Journey** JEREMIAH 29:11; PROVERBS 19:21

**LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES**  
**“IN the MIDST of PAIN, GOD has a PLAN!”**

**GETTING STARTED** *“In your opinion...”*

1. Was there anything helpful about this week’s message or anything you’d like clarification?
2. Have you ever experienced pain in your life that God turned into something beneficial?
3. Someone has said there is good pain (constructive) and bad pain (destructive). What do you think makes the difference?
4. Do you believe God can use all pain in our life to fulfill his plan for our life?
5. If we think we might have missed God’s plan for our life, and yet we are currently following Him, could that have been His plan from the beginning? Explain.

**GOING DEEPER** *“According to the Bible...”*

*Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading*

- **Read Job 1:1-3 and Job 42:12-15. After all of Job’s sufferings, how did the end of his life compare with the beginning? *What was God’s plan?***
- **Read James 1:2-4. How does James define “perfect” or “mature” (vs. 4)? What is the path to this maturity in stated in these verses? *What is God’s plan for trials?***
- **Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How did Jesus persevere the pain and humiliation in his crucifixion? *What was God’s plan?***
- **Read Romans 8:28, 29. What “good” do we typically hope God is working in our life? What “good” is God actually working in our life (vs. 29)? *God’s plan?***
- **Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. What pain did Paul endure? Why did God not take it away (vs. 7)? What did God provide to help him endure the pain? *God’s plan?***

**LIVING OUT**

- **Are you willing to embrace the pain in your life knowing what God can do through it?**